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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN OBJECTION TO LANGUAGE ON PALESTINE ADOPTED AT
ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN DAKAR

1. MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERM SEC EBO TAAL TOLD CHARGE MAY 3
THAT GOTG TRIED TO SOFTEN ANTI-US LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM ADOPTED AT RECENT ISLAMIC
FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR. HE LOANED CHARGE HIS COPY
OF 22 DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE, INCLUDING RES
IN QUESTION (TEXTS COPIED AND POUCHED TO DAKAR MAY 4).

2. TEXT OF PALESTINIAN RESOLUTION AS FINALLY ACCEPTED TALKS OF
"LIQUIDATIONIST AND DEFEATIST ATTEMPTS SPONSORED BY US TO SERVE ITS
INTERESTS IN AREA AND SAFEGUARD ZIONIST RACIST PRESENCE IN
OCCUPIED PALESTINE." TEXT LATER STATES PLO RIGHT TO REJECT "ALL
FORMS OF DEFEATIST AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS AND LIQUIDATIONIST
SCHEMES." TAAL SAID GAMBIANS DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT LANGUAGE MEANT,
AND SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO CITING OF UNITED STATES BY NAME.
MOREOVER, HE POINTED TO ABSURDITY OF DISCUSSING "AMERICAN
SETTLEMENTS" IN PALESTINE, WHEN CLEARLY USG AND ISRAEL PUBLICLY
DISAGREE ON MATTER OF SETTLEMENTS.

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3. ACCORDING TO TAAL, GAMBIANS LOBBIED HARD TO REMOVE MENTION
OF US BY NAME IN PALESTINE RESOLUTION. FOREIGN MINISTER JABANG
WANTED TO RAISE ISSUE IN PLENARY, BUT WAS PERSUADED OTHERWISE.
TAAL SAID GOTG IS GENUINELY UPSET ABOUT LANGUAGE, WHICH HE
ATTRIBUTED TO HARD-LINE STATES OF LIBYA, IRAQ AND ALGERIA,
ADDING THAT OAU WOULD NEVER HAVE APPROVED RESOLUTION IN THAT
FORM. HOWEVER, THE GAMBIA FELT TOO SMALL AND ISOLATED TO PUSH FOR

MODERATION VIRTUALLY ON ITS OWN, WHEN WHOLE TONE OF ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE WAS ONE OF BROTHERLY AGREEMENT ON ALL ISSUES.
NONETHELESS, TAAL WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM JABANG TO EXPLAIN
GAMBIAN RESERVATIONS TO US REPRESENTATIVE.

4. CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SPECIAL GAMBIAN CONCERN
AND PROMISED HE WOULD REPORT MATTER FULLY TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN.
WYGANT

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